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Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 373

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. FRANCISCO MAMEDE GONCALVES and Mr. AUGUSTO JOSE DO ROZARIO have this Day been admitted PARTNERS in our Firm.

ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, March 1, 1884. 383

Intimations.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

THE Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the GENERAL AGENTS, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 21st Instant, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1883.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, March 5, 1884. 403

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE IN EUROPE.

PASSENGERS and SHIPPERS by the above Company's Steamers are informed that QUARANTINE ENFORCEMENTS have been reduced at MARSEILLES to 24 hours, and at VENICE to 7 days, performed on board the Steamer at both ports.

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Passengers by the Company's Steamers have always the option of continuing the journey on to LONDON, on payment of the difference of fare.

A. MCLEWEN,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 169

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of BANCES Contributed during the Half-Year ended December 31st, 1883, on or before March 31st next, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 26, 1884. 387

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

M. R. THOMAS ARNOLD will act as SECRETARY of the above Company until further Notice.

E. R. BELLIOS,

Chairman.

Hongkong, February 26, 1884. 346

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Hongkong, February 16, 1884. 300

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Hongkong, December 20, 1883. 117

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Hongkong, January 15, 1883. 115

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For further information as to Freight
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F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 3, 1884. 391

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Owners will be Responsible for
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Crew of the following Vessels, during
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Hongkong, March 10, 1884. 438

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MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo per Steamship
India, from London, in connection with
the above Steamer, are hereby informed
that their Goods—with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are
being landed and stored at their risk at the
Company's Godowns, whence delivery may
be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless intimation is received from the
Consignees before 2 p.m. To-day, the 10th
Instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Mon-
day, the 17th March, at Noon, will be
subject to rent, and landing charges at 1
cent per package per day.

All Claims must be sent in to me before
the 10th instant or they will not be
recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, March 10, 1884. 433

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG and
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Lydia, Capt. N. Tuy-
SEN, having arrived from the above
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed
and stored at their risk into the Godowns
of the Undersigned, whence delivery may
be obtained immediately after landing.

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Hongkong, March 10, 1884. 429

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

MAR., 1884.

Stocks. Nos. of Shares. Paid up. Reserve. Working Account. Last Divid. Quotations. Cash.

BANKS. 60,000 \$ 125 \$ 125 \$ 4,631 \$ 57,645.25 22 one s. 21.50 s. 124 % = \$230

INSURANCES. 5,000 £ 200 £ 50 £ 23 £ 23 £ 50,000 £ 57,391.00 £ 18.25 £ 3000 "

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"Laissez-lui prendre un pied chez vous, il en aura bientôt pris quatre."

In a town in Normandy, where several English families, attracted by the fine scenery around, have taken up their abode, a doctor, a friend of mine, offered his English patients the use of a large field of his. This field had attracted their attention as being nicely situated near the town, and just the place for a game of cricket. Shortly after this act of kindness, my friend received the following note:

"The members of the cricket club present their compliments to Dr. H., and will be much obliged to him if he would kindly get the potatoes, with which half of the cricket field is planted, removed, as the ball is constantly getting lost among them."

"Possession" nine points of the law!

This is the principle of all annexation of territory. Let an Englishman settle in any out-of-the-way corner of the globe, and it will not be long before you see a Protestant church and a cricket field, the two first visible indications of an English Colony. The conquest of India was practically made by the East India Company, that is to say, by a few London merchants.

John Bull is proud, brave, calm, tenacious, and a consummate diplomatist.

Proud, he will never doubt of the success of his undertaking; brave, he will carry it through; calm, he will calculate with a cool head the material advantages of the victory; tenacious, he will know how to make it fruitful. Diplomacy an-

swers the sentiments of his dignity as exulted in him at an early age, and national pride incites him to perform acts of heroism at an age when sweet-meats seem to be the chief attractions of life.

While he was at school in Paris, I remember a score of us schoolboys were one day gathered about the crossbar of a gymnasium, jumping, one after another, on to a heap of sand. Among us was a young English boy, about twelve years old, watching eagerly for his turn. The poor child was suffering from hernia, and we tried to dissuade him from his purpose. "Why not?" said he: "you do it; why shouldn't I?"

And in spite of all our entreaties he mounted the cross-beam, sprang, jumped—but to rise no more. We carried him to his bed. An hour after, he had breathed his last. "It shall not be said," he murmured in his death throes, "that an Englishman cannot jump, as well as a Frenchman."

Poor little hero! A few days before, we had all done just this to the satisfaction of a well-filled hamper that his mother had sent him from Devonshire. He had insisted upon our tasting the nice things that came from his home. Home! This is a word that our language lacks. It is true we have *foyer*; but it is a word used chiefly in the elevated style, while in England there exists not a man, however lowly, but possessed of a heart to feel and love, who is not a little moved by the word *home*. This may be to a certain extent explained by the fact that every Englishman has his own little house, and that the climate, which does not foster open-air pleasures, makes the intimate joys of the fireside better appreciated. Go and try to feel poetically inspired over the subject of the domestic heart, when you live on a fifth-floor back!

M. de Chateaubriand, who was not above walking in the steps of M. de la Plaiss, had some theories that were not for a certain estimation, but inasmuch as he holds to his country, his personal pleasure would be to travel. The Englishman forms the best illustration of this *foyer*.

John Bull would put it. He loves voyages, adventures, dangers. A vast stretch of ocean, a cloud-ringed mountain, perilous ascents, voyages of discovery in strange lands, thrill him with delightful emotions. He is in his element.

Call the Englishman wild, eccentric—mad, if you will; but to do great things one must not hesitate at straying from the beaten track. He will brave every conceivable danger in order to be able to say that he has climbed to the summit of Mont Blanc, or that he has been nearer the North Pole than any other explorer.

Obstinate as a mule, stubborn as a bulldog, the difficulties in his path will not act as incentives to him. He has traced himself a programme: nothing will prevent his carrying it out. He leaves England with his diary written beforehand. He has settled to be at the top of a certain mountain at a certain time; he is bound to be there; and I promise you that, if he has not rolled down some precipice, there you will find him. General Wolfe had announced to his countrymen that he would subdue Egypt in twelve days. He took fifteen, but he was in high time: John Bull was born to gamble.

I was walking one evening on the quay at Saint-Malo. It was blowing a furious gale. The Southampton boat had just started notwithstanding. Came two Englishmen breathing: "Where is the boat?" they asked.

"Gone."

"Hail her! she is still in sight; we are bound to go!"

"Surely, gentlemen, you are joking."

"Well then, can you get us a sailing boat to take us to Jersey?"

"I have one," said a sailor. "The sea is very rough: I must charge you two hundred francs."

"Never mind; get her ready."

"But, gentlemen," cried the bystanders, "you will fall, and endanger your lives."

"What's that to you?" they said, with a contemptuous glance at the crowd around.

The face of the younger man, a fine young fellow of about twenty, beamed with delight at the idea of the dangers he was going to brave.

It was useless reasoning longer: the fisherman set out with them. A few moments later the frail banque was under sail, now reappearing, and making visible the tall form of the young man at the rudder. "Vive la gare!" said the spectators: "those English people are mad."

Every Englishman of good family can manage a boat, drive a carriage, and is at home in the saddle. Acquainted from his childhood to bodily exercise, he thinks nothing of a hundred-mile walk or a row from London to Oxford. A walking tour from London to Edinburgh is not at all an uncommon thing to hear of. The outfit of an English tourist is no encumbrance to him: he puts into a bag a flannel shirt, a dozen collars, and a couple of pairs of socks, and, stick in hand, off he goes. I know one who walked last year as far as the north of Scotland. His friends teased him for carrying so much in his mind to take the train to the Border. "A little pluck," said they to him, "do the whole on foot while you are at it, your railway ticket will destroy all the merit and charm of the affair." The year previous, during the summer holidays,

(1) "Nil admirari, prope res est nra, Namid, Solum quae possit facere et servare beatum."

he had walked a distance of over a thousand miles in Norway.

This habit of walking is kept up by Englishmen to a very advanced age. Go to the provinces, you may there see old men doing their life or six miles every day; when they knock off, it is to take to their beds, and prepare to go and sleep in Abraham's bosom. In the country, in France, our old men, gouty or crippled with rheumatism for the most part, pass half the day at table; after their dinner, you may see them leaning on the arm of an old servant crawling along the public promenades.

A man is often old at sixty; the effects of a youth too often spent in dissipations, and of a life so most easy sedentary, become sadly apparent, and if he live to a great age, the closing years of his existence are a burden to himself and to those around him.

"C'est une chose bien présente,

Qu'en farder de qu'importe ass."

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"The members of the cricket club present their compliments to Dr. H., and will be much obliged to him if he would kindly get the potatoes, with which half of the cricket field is planted, removed, as the ball is constantly getting lost among them."

"Possession" nine points of the law!

This is the principle of all annexation of territory. Let an Englishman settle in any out-of-the-way corner of the globe, and it will not be long before you see a Protestant church and a cricket field, the two first visible indications of an English Colony. The conquest of India was practically made by the East India Company, that is to say, by a few London merchants.

John Bull is proud, brave, calm, tenacious, and a consummate diplomatist.

Proud, he will never doubt of the success of his undertaking; brave, he will calculate with a cool head the material advantages of the victory; tenacious, he will know how to make it fruitful. Diplomacy an-

swers the sentiments of his dignity as exulted in him at an early age, and national pride incites him to perform acts of heroism at an age when sweet-meats seem to be the chief attractions of life.

While he was at school in Paris, I remember a score of us schoolboys were one day gathered about the crossbar of a gymnasium, jumping, one after another, on to a heap of sand. Among us was a young English boy, about twelve years old, watching eagerly for his turn. The poor child was suffering from hernia, and we tried to dissuade him from his purpose. "Why not?" said he: "you do it; why shouldn't I?"

And in spite of all our entreaties he mounted the cross-beam, sprang, jumped—but to rise no more. We carried him to his bed. An hour after, he had breathed his last. "It shall not be said," he murmured in his death throes, "that an Englishman cannot jump, as well as a Frenchman."

Poor little hero! A few days before, we had all done just this to the satisfaction of a well-filled hamper that his mother had sent him from Devonshire. He had insisted upon our tasting the nice things that came from his home. Home! This is a word that our language lacks. It is true we have *foyer*;

but it is a word used chiefly in the elevated style, while in England there exists not a man, however lowly, but possessed of a heart to feel and love, who is not a little moved by the word *home*. This may be to a certain extent explained by the fact that every Englishman has his own little house, and that the climate, which does not foster open-air pleasures, makes the intimate joys of the fireside better appreciated. Go and try to feel poetically inspired over the subject of the domestic heart, when you live on a fifth-floor back!

M. de Chateaubriand, who was not above walking in the steps of M. de la Plaiss, had some theories that were not for a certain estimation, but inasmuch as he holds to his country, his personal pleasure would be to travel. The Englishman forms the best illustration of this *foyer*.

John Bull would put it. He loves voyages, adventures, dangers. A vast stretch of ocean, a cloud-ringed mountain, perilous ascents, voyages of discovery in strange lands, thrill him with delightful emotions. He is in his element.

Call the Englishman wild, eccentric—mad, if you will; but to do great things one must not hesitate at straying from the beaten track. He will trace himself a programme: nothing will prevent his carrying it out. He leaves England with his diary written beforehand. He has settled to be at the top of a certain mountain at a certain time; he is bound to be there; and I promise you that, if he has not rolled down some precipice, there you will find him. General Wolfe had announced to his countrymen that he would subdue Egypt in twelve days. He took fifteen, but he was in high time: John Bull was born to gamble.

I was walking one evening on the quay at Saint-Malo. It was blowing a furious gale. The Southampton boat had just started notwithstanding. Came two Englishmen breathing: "Where is the boat?" they asked.

"Gone."

"Hail her! she is still in sight; we are bound to go!"

"Surely, gentlemen, you are joking."

"Well then, can you get us a sailing boat to take us to Jersey?"

"I have one," said a sailor. "The sea is very rough: I must charge you two hundred francs."

"Never mind; get her ready."

"But, gentlemen," cried the bystanders, "you will fall, and endanger your lives."

"What's that to you?" they said, with a contemptuous glance at the crowd around.

The face of the younger man, a fine young fellow of about twenty, beamed with delight at the idea of the dangers he was going to brave.

It was useless reasoning longer: the fisherman set out with them. A few moments later the frail banque was under sail, now reappearing, and making visible the tall form of the young man at the rudder. "Vive la gare!" said the spectators: "those English people are mad."

Every Englishman of good family can manage a boat, drive a carriage, and is at home in the saddle. Acquainted from his childhood to bodily exercise, he thinks nothing of a hundred-mile walk or a row from London to Oxford. A walking tour from London to Edinburgh is not at all an uncommon thing to hear of. The outfit of an English tourist is no encumbrance to him: he puts into a bag a flannel shirt, a dozen collars, and a couple of pairs of socks, and, stick in hand, off he goes. I know one who walked last year as far as the north of Scotland. His friends teased him for carrying so much in his mind to take the train to the Border. "A little pluck," said they to him, "do the whole on foot while you are at it, your railway ticket will destroy all the merit and charm of the affair." The year previous, during the summer holidays,

(1) "Nil admirari, prope res est nra, Namid, Solum quae possit facere et servare beatum."

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